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SUBJECT: UNESCO: APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR SECRETARIAT
OFFICIALS

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PERMREP REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING REPLY BY MR.
HENRY KERRY TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S CONSULTATION LETTER OF
AUGUST 23, 1978 (DOC. EX/PRIV. 31):

"DEAR MR. DIRECTOR-GENERAL:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSULTATION LETTER OF AUGUST 23, 1978,
REQUESTING MY VIEWS ON APPOINTMENTS TO SENIOR POSTS. I
AM PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE MY OPINION
ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

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WITH RESPECT TO THE CANDIDATES, I WILL LIMIT MY RESPONSE
TO STRONGLY ENDORSING THE CANDIDACY OF MR. JOHN W. RYAN
FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR (D-1) OF THE LITERACY, ADULT
EDUCATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, EDUCATION
SECTOR. I AM VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH HIS PRO-
FESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS PARTICULAR POST. HIS

EXPERIENCE IN ADULT EDUCATION, RURAL DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMMES AND LITERACY EQUIP HIM IN A RATHER UNIQUE

MANNER FOR THIS POST. FURTHERMORE, HE HAS BEEN
ASSOCIATED WITH UNESCO FOR OVER TEN YEARS, BOTH AT
HEADQUARTERS AND IN THE FIELD, AND THUS IS QUITE FAMILIAR
WITH THE WORKINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION. IN MY OPINION HE
WOULD BE THE IDEAL CHOICE FOR THE POST.

PURELY BY CHANCE I HAD OCCASION TO REVIEW AN AUGUST 1974
CONSULTATION LETTER FROM YOUR PREDECESSOR. I NOTE THAT
AT THAT TIME THERE WERE TEN (10) AMERICANS AT THE D-1
LEVEL AND ABOVE. IN YOUR LETTER, I NOTE THAT THERE ARE
ONLY FIVE (5) AT PRESENT. I REALIZE THAT THE OVER-
RIDING CONSIDERATION IN SELECTION OF STAFF IS THEIR
COMPETENCE, INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY. GEOGRAPHICAL
DISTRIBUTION IS A SECONDARY CONSIDERATION. YET I WOULD
BE REMISS IF I DID NOT VOICE SOME ALARM AT THE FACT THAT
IN FOUR SHORT YEARS THE NUMOR OF AMERICANS AT THE D-1
LEVEL AND ABOVE HAD BEEN HALVED. THIS COUPLED WITH
MR. RYAN'S OBVIOUS CREDENTIALS FOR THE POST, ARE STRONG
ARGUMENTS IN BEHALF OF HIS SELECTION.

SINCERELY,

SIGNED HENRY KERRY
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UNITED STATES MEMBER OF THE
UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD." CHRISTOPHER

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